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Mr. John A. Calhoun, Director
The Executive Secretariat
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

Mr. Dulles has asked that the attached letter and enclosures from Mrs. Cotton be forwarded to your office for whatever action is deemed appropriate. For your information, I am also attaching a copy of our reply to Mrs. Cotton.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

[Redacted]
Executive Officer

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- Enclosures

cc: JSC, ER, Wm. F. Basie

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Enclosed Register

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Perhaps you will remember my beloved brother, the late Dr. Thomas A. C. Name, who suddenly died four years ago. He was Professor of Pathology at the New York Hospital, Consultant at the Roosevelt Veterans Hospital, served his Country as a civilian to his utmost ability during World War I, following a Captain in his service. He was based in England and Gibraltar in some high rank Government's Service, and helped to bring those poor other Countries. He was a Humanitarian, dedicating his life to the healing of troubled minds. Because of his efforts in research, he laid down guidelines in his profession, for others to follow.

My husband, Dr. Robert C. Cotton, Specialist in Industrial Medicine, proudly enlisted in our Country's Service during World War I, serving twenty

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even months (part of that time out of Asia).
He was honorably discharged.

After World War I

Veterans marched into Washington demanding a bonus, he spoke against such practices in many groups, feeling it was the beginning of the breaking down of our moral fibre. Due to overwork and strain, he died suddenly just as World War II came to an end.

I wrote all this to you as my introduction to you.

At my own insistence

I went to Hong Kong to do a little research on the field of the refugee problem, and to know how our Federal aid workers used to help those poor, destitute, trapped people. I personally went to Peiping's

Mills Island. The Refugee Student Aid Project on the Island is about the youngest organization on the Island. This

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organization is managed by
dedicated, selfless Christians I saw
there. They have not received a cent
of our Federal aid. All are often
boys, found roaming the streets with
no one to care for them. Some had
the courage to swim across the border
to safety, rather than become indoctrinated
into Communism. They were some
encouraged by their Parents to do so.

The Remond Mills Project
Student Aid Project saw the desperate
need to ^{help} these boys in the Protestant
Faith and educate them into becoming
responsible men, who may well be
the leaders of to-morrow in that Colony.
and become our devoted friends.
we show we care enough about them
to help them. I wrote to the Consul
General in H.H. Jan 26, informing
him of the urgent need for assistance.

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Mr. David Taylor, Hon Sec, (see enclosed copy) also wrote and up to date we have not received a reply. Perhaps both our appeals for a share of our Federal aid and the need for some sustaining aid has been unintentionally laid aside by a staff clerk.

Mr Dulles, I beg your interest and help — it is so urgent my needs and we must not fail them. Whatever you can do will be more than appreciated by this organization and by me. "To love mercy and do justice" is the reason I feel compelled to write to you.

Most sincerely
Mrs Robert W. Cotton

P.S. Although the Island was named Planile Mill's Island, there is no family connection.

*Rennie Mill Refugee
Student Aid Project.*

It costs at least US \$10.00 (HK\$50.00 or £3 English, £4 Australian) to provide for one for a month.

I wish to sponsor a student at HK\$50.00 a month,
or I wish to make a monthly subscription for general maintenance
or I wish to make an initial subscription of

N.B. Exchange rates: HK\$10.00 to US\$1.00

HK\$10.00 to sterling £1

HK\$12.00 to Australian £1

The average amount needed to maintain one student is
HK\$50.00 (US\$10.00) which includes school fees, rent and
subsistence.

An adequate new "hostel" for the family would cost about
HK\$100,000.00 with plumbing and lighting installation.
Please send all contributions by cheque or money order to

Mr. David G. Taylor, Hon. Secy.

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Satisfactory Road

Kowloon, Hong Kong

*Rennie Mill Refugee
Student Aid Project*

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A Happy Family.

CAIR's aim is not only to house and feed these destitute boys, but to provide education in order to make them self-supporting, responsible men. It is our hope that they will be equipped both mentally and spiritually to face the world and to help others to combat social evils.

The need for housing students at Rennies Mill Refugee settlement is an ever-present and a very urgent problem.

Boys have been abandoned there by parents living elsewhere who are too poor to provide for them. Boys come to us who have only a mother, often too ill or undernourished to care for a large family.

On one occasion a young boy of only nine years was brought by a friend whom he had traced after swimming across the boundary river between Hong Kong and China, sent by a desperate mother who preferred to lose her son to Hong Kong than to have him removed to Communist training camps where boys over eight may be sent for indoctrination in Communist teaching.

No boy without a home is refused admission even though bed spaces are inadequate.

More sponsors are urgently needed in order to maintain the present family, and to allow for taking in other desperate cases as they arrive. We have several boys without any sponsor or regular income to maintain them.

The "family" is housed in three small houses, and we have a full-time house mother and assistant warden. We urgently need to build an adequate home for them, properly equipped with kitchen, dining room, study room and dormitories. Almost every week requests come to care for another destitute one, and our means of provision and accommodation are already strained to the utmost.

Will you help us to provide for those who have no one to care for them by filling in the form on the back.



Family Fare.

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Our Ref.:

Your letter:

Hong Kong, 9th March, 1960.

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I have received a letter from Mrs. E.R. Cotton of Murrysville, Pennsylvania informing me that she has written to you with regard to assistance for our project which she hopes could be allocated to us from the Federal Aid. We would sincerely appreciate any help that you are able to give us as we are hoping to develop our homes and are in the process of erecting a new hostel which is costing us \$42,000. Even with the completion of this, our accommodation would seem to be inadequate by the numbers of boys who are constantly being sent to us by one Mission or another and other organisations.

You may remember that we were the recipients of the generous offerings of the American community Thanksgiving Day Service last autumn and this gift was most sincerely appreciated and gave us encouragement to begin building our new hostel.

We now have 28 boys in residence in our very small houses at Rennies Mill and as already mentioned there is constant need for development and improvement.

I am enclosing some literature for your perusal and if you felt able to help us we would be most grateful.

Yours very sincerely,

I.G. Taylor,
Hon. Secretary.

Encl: